

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 2 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended. New claims 8-19 have been added. Claims 1 and 3-19 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-7 stand objected to because of the informalities. Applicant has carefully reviewed and amended claim 1 in view of the Examiner's kind suggestions. It is submitted that claim 1 and its dependent claims 3-7 are now in a proper format.

The drawings stand objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "132" has been used to designate both second photoresist pattern and conductive layer. In response, Applicant has amended "second photoresist pattern 132" to --second photoresist pattern 136-- to properly designate the second photoresist pattern. Applicant submits that it is an inadvertent error and submits that the drawings are now proper. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

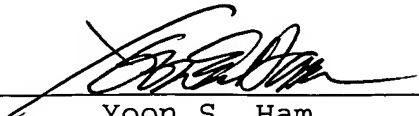
Claims 1 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art, in combination with DeBar et al. However the Examiner has indicated that claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten to

overcome the objection set forth in this Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has canceled claim 2 and included all of the limitations of the canceled claim into claim 1. Therefore, it is submitted that the rejection is deemed moot and claim 1 and its dependent claims 3-7 are now allowable.

New claim 8 is a combination of claim 1 and claim 3, which is indicated as allowable. Accordingly, new claim 8 and its dependent claim 9-13 should be allowable. Similarly, new claim 14 includes the subject matters of claim 1 and claim 4, which is indicated as allowable. Therefore, claim 14 and its dependent claims 15-19 should be allowable.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3-19 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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